## A COMMON SENSE BARN.

**How to Build a Structure Suitable for Housing Three Horses.**

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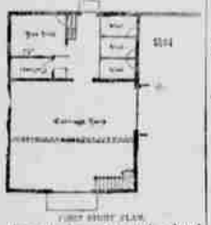
No general rule can be given for the construction of a barn which can be universally adopted. As in home building, much depends upon the location, climate, special requirements to be met and the individual taste of the owner. The barn requires greater care than any other domestic quadruped. The stable in winter is to be heated should be warm, and arranged so as to secure the sunlight during some portion of the day. The stable should be well lighted, with convenient windows hinged on the inside, and provided with shutters, such for cold weather made of Mason and Dixon's line, and which complete nothing to operate for summer adjusted on the outside of the windows and arranged to place by means of hooks and screw eyes.

BARN AND OTHER SHED.

A liberal supply of pure fresh air is necessary to the comfort and health of the animal, and the allowance should be not less than two cubic feet of air space to every pound of live weight. The ventilation should be arranged so as to secure a change of air without causing a perceptible draught, and so as to maintain a temperature of 50 degs. in winter and from 60 to 65 degs. in summer.

The floor on which the horse stands should be nearly level; otherwise, when raised toward the horse's head, it has been found impart the feel, causes an uneasiness, and thus to fatigue the animal when it ought to have rest. With regard to the proper dimensions of the stable for horses there is a difference of opinion, some horsemen claiming that the width of a stall should not exceed four feet, others say that it should be fully five feet in width. From careful measurements we write we found that a horse of average size may be accommodated in forming a stalls 9 feet long, 4½ feet wide, 2 feet broad at one end and 1½ feet broad at the other. In extreme cases it may be remembered that the largest horse will form a weight 2 feet broad at one end and 1½ feet at the other. The horse is capable of lying down and rising up in a space of 7 feet all around, which would give a stall 11 feet long, 4 feet broad at one end and 2½ feet broad at the other, as a mean average. The extreme case would be to allow of this—4½ feet broad at one end and 4 feet at the other.



FIRST STORY PLAN.

In practice, however, the stalls shaped stall is rarely used; the long horseman choosing the parallelogram stall, varying from 4 to 4½ feet in width, for single stalls, with not less than 10 feet square for box stalls.

The disposal of the liquids from the stable is best done by an open gutter formed in a concrete floor, in which an iron grate may be created to act to conduct the same to the cesspool or sewer. If a concrete floor is used over the entire stall the space where the horse usually stands should have a wooden or iron floor upon which the horse may stand. The liquids will drip from between the slats to the gutter, and the bedding for the horse will be kept dry and clean.

The stick upon which hay is fed to the horse should be of strength iron, the feed bin of cast iron, with the bars smaller than the hay, so as to prevent the horse from wasting his feed.

In tying a horse the halter strap should be snapped and run in a tube behind the manger, to prevent his feet becoming entangled in it. The practice of having a chain over the hayrick, through which hay from the storage loft may be thrown, is a common method employed, but should be condemned, as it is liable to fill the horse's eyes, ears and nostrils with fine dust, which is likely to give the animal a cough. The most sensible way, according to some authorities, is to throw the hay upon the floor at the head of the stall, and omit the hayrick altogether.

SECOND STORY PLAN.

The barn here illustrated is designed for a farmer or light business man who keeps three horses. The carriage room is of sufficient size to accommodate a market wagon and one carriage. There are three single stalls and one box stall, a harness room, grain box and watering trough. Outside the main building is an open shed for the accommodation of extra teams and storage of wagons when not in use. In the second story is the hay loft, granary, stable bin and chute for throwing down hay.

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